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FCC Chairman Supports President's Spectrum Policy Initiative

Washington, D.C.—Federal Communication Commission Chairman Michael K. Powell expressed his strong support for the spectrum policy reform and modernization initiative launched by the Executive Memorandum issued today by the President.

"The radio spectrum is a key driver of economic growth, and supports an array of devices, applications and services Americans have come to depend upon – from radars used in our national defense to tele-medicine, from mobile phones to the public safety radios used by our first responders," said Chairman Powell.

"President Bush's Executive Memorandum recognizes the importance of spectrum as an economic engine and underscores his commitment to putting spectrum to its highest and best use for the American people. I congratulate Commerce Secretary Don Evans, Deputy Secretary Sam Bodman and Assistant Secretary Nancy Victory on their vision and leadership in championing this groundbreaking initiative to reassess the federal government's spectrum policy approach. I look forward to continuing to work with the Commerce Department and the rest of the Administration on these important issues," he said.